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COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA

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ILLEGAL MOBILE CONNECTIONS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether mobile connections have been provided throughout the country without any verification;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has issued any guidelines to check illegal mobile connections;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken by the Government against the companies violating the guidlines?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI DAYANIDHI MARAN)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT TO BE LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE LOK SABHA IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 43 FOR 26TH JULY, 2006 REGARDING ILLEGAL MOBILE CONNECTIONS.

(a) to (e) As per license conditions, the mobile telephone service providers are required to ensure adequate verification of each and every customer before enrolling him as subscriber. Instructions in this regard have been issued from time to time to all the service providers. This includes obtaining proof of identity and address from the subscribers.

It was brought to the notice of the Department of Telecom (DoT) that the mobile service providers are generally not complying with the requirement of subscriber verification. DoT carried out special drive to check this in the cities of Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Hyderabad and the State of Haryana. It was observed that all the service providers in these places are not fully complying with the instructions on subscriber verification.

Notices have been issued to concerned service providers in the above areas to disconnect such connections that have been provided without proper verification and also to explain why action should not be taken against them for not complying with the terms and conditions of the Licence Agreement.